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During Coffee County BOE meeting

## FY2022 budget approved

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education approved several personnel matters Thursday evening, Sept. 2, during the regular monthly meeting.

The resignation of Chelbie Mobley from her TEAMS teaching position contract was approved, and then the board voted to employ Mobley as a teacher at Zion Chapel School instead. The board also approved the employment of Celeste Jones as a teacher at New Brockton Elementary School.

A leave request was approved for Emily Roberts.

For classified personnel, a resignation for Cindy Dunn was approved, effective Aug. 20, 2021.

Two employments were approved. Greg Lee was hired as an 11-month custodian for New Brockton Elementary School, and Larry Green was hired as a bus driver for Coffee County Schools.

Also, during the meeting, the board listened to concerned parent, Michael Matherly, as he expressed his opposition to students having to wear facial coverings under the current school system order. Several times during his address, Matherly said he felt the schools were forcing the students to wear the masks only to get more funding.

"I have a five-year-old and I'd rather she catch COVID than be suffocated with the dad-gum masks eight hours per day," Matherly said. "It should be our choice. Those are our kids."

Again, he said he felt the only reason the school system was mandating masks was to get school money.

When he asked if he was correct, board chairman Brian McLeod said they were not there to debate with Matherly on the issue.

Matherly said he personally believes COVID is just a flu symptom or cold that does grow from here and there at times. He asked the board to let parents choose what they feel is best for their own children.

"I don't believe ya'll have the right to mandate something on these kids," he said.

"We appreciate you taking the opportunity to come and address the board. Your thoughts are certainly welcome," McLeod said. "We have confidence in our school administrators that they are going to make decisions to keep our students safe and to keep them in school. That is our goal...to keep them in school."

Matherly asked which comes first - safe or in school. He said the schools have to divide between the two.

The meeting also featured the second of two annual budget hearings on the proposed Fiscal Year 2022 budget presented by Chief Financial Officer Shannon Odom. At the conclusion of her presentation, board members voted to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 budget.

The school system's opening balance for its budget on Oct. 1st will be \$9,513,520.80. Adding in anticipated total revenues [all sources] for the year totaling \$36,868,334.22 and deducting anticipated expenditures totaling \$35,586,727.54, the ending balance on Sept. 30, 2022 would be projected to be \$10,795,127.48.

Board members also approved the annual Capital Plan for the school system. This is a working document that can be adjusted at any time, but must be approved once per year to be submitted to the state.

The next regular meeting for the Coffee County Board of Education will be Thursday, Oct. 7, at 5:30 p.m.



**TWO INJURED IN WRECK...**Emergency personnel once again found themselves at the intersection of U.S. Highway 84 and Alabama Highway 141 [in the Curtis Community of Coffee County] last Wednesday morning, Sept. 1, working a multi-vehicle wreck. This accident was reported just after 8 a.m. last Wednesday, and it was reported as a four-vehicle wreck. However, only two vehicles received notable damages from the collision. Reportedly, the driver of a Toyota SUV [shown in the background of photo], traveling on Hwy. 141, was attempting to cross Hwy. 84 from the median when the driver pulled into oncoming traffic. The vehicle shown above was traveling on Hwy. 84 and was unable to avoid colliding with the SUV. Two people were taken to area hospitals to receive treatment of injuries sustained in this crash - the driver of the car and a passenger in the SUV.

## Group requests football field at New Brockton be named after former coach

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Coffee County Board of Education meeting held Thursday, Sept. 2, board members heard a request from several former New Brockton football players to name the football field after a legendary coach.

Matt Rodgers, current president of Enterprise State Community College and a 1990 graduate of New Brockton High School, spoke on behalf of the group in attendance for the meeting. He said it is an exciting time for New Brockton Schools seeing the growth, but last Thursday night, he said he was there to talk about Coach Leavy Boutwell.

Boutwell became the head football coach at New Brockton in 1979, and his first team went 9-1 on the season. Over the next 11 seasons, his teams went 94-27.

Rodgers said he had an opportunity to be a part of Boutwell's program at New Brockton, starting first as a team manager and working his way up to playing quarterback for the team.

"Coach Boutwell made a profound impact on me. I knew what I wanted to do when I left high school," Rodgers said. "There is no doubt that playing for



**Matt Rodgers, a 1990 graduate of New Brockton High School, addresses the Coffee County Board of Education last Thursday evening. He was the designated speaker for a group requesting the football field at New Brockton be named after former coach Leavy Boutwell.**

Coach Boutwell led me in my career."

Rodgers would become

a teacher and coach first,

and later an administrator.

Now, he is president of

Coffee County Schools report improved COVID numbers

According to an update from Coffee County Schools superintendent Kelly Cobb, the school system had a total of 47 cases of COVID-19 for the week of Aug. 24 - Aug. 31.

Cobb said this reflected 17 cases at Kinston School, 10 cases at New Brockton Elementary School, five cases at New Brockton High School, and 15 cases at Zion Chapel School.

"These numbers show

ESCC.

He said Coach Boutwell was a tough, hard-nosed coach, but he cared about his players.

"We learned lessons about hard work, perseverance, and discipline," Rodgers said. "Coach Boutwell was an inspirational leader that show us hard work does pay off."

Rodgers also noted that Boutwell had been inducted as a member of the Wiregrass Hall of Fame.

On behalf of the group in attendance, Rodgers asked the board to consider naming the field at Gamecock Stadium the Leavy Boutwell Field.

Board chairman Brian McLeod thanked those in attendance for coming, and he said the board would take the request into consideration.



**TIRED TIGER...**Byrdie Forbes tried her best to help cheer the Elba Tigers to a victory last Friday night, Sept. 3, but it was not meant to be on that particular night. The Tigers lost their region opener to G.W. Long [see more on the Sports pages] to go 2-1 on the young season. By the end of the game, Byrdie had given in to sleep, but she still had an arm raised high for her Tigers as she slept peacefully in Nana's lap [Pam McCollough]. Byrdie is the daughter of Raeann McCollough and Robby Forbes of Elba. Her older sister, Taylor, is a member of the Elba Marching Tiger Band.

## Elba gears up for Homecoming activities

Elba High School will celebrate Homecoming Friday, Sept. 17, and the theme is "Beat the Bears Back in Time!"

On Thursday, Sept. 16, there will be a Pep Rally/Bonfire at Tiger Town Park in downtown Elba, at 7 p.m. The Homecoming Queen Coronation will be held Friday, Sept. 17, at 9 a.m. followed by a pep rally at Tiger Stadium. Visitors for the coronation/pep rally will need to sit on the visitor's side of the stadium, wear masks, and social distance.

Elba High School will honor the Class of 1991 with a tea Friday at 1 p.m. in the Family and Consumer Science Department.

The Homecoming Parade line up will begin at 1:30 with the parade beginning at 3 p.m. Parade entries may be entered by contacting Martha Pope at Elba High School (897-2266).

The Homecoming Court will be presented Friday evening at 6:30 pm followed by the football game at 7 p.m.

\*\* On Friday, Sept. 17, the Elba High School Alumni Association will hold its annual membership meeting. This will be held in conjunction with the Elba Quarterback Club's "Game Day" lunch meeting held at the Elba Country Club. The joint meetings will begin at 11:30 a.m. with lunch. After the quarterback club's meeting, the Alumni Association will hold a brief business meeting [at approximately 12:30 p.m.]. All members and/or prospective members are invited to attend. Lunch can be ordered from the menu.

a significant improvement [from the week prior] and are keeping healthy students in school and allowing our students to experience face-to-face learning with peers and teachers," Cobb said. "The district's goal is to continue to provide high-quality face-to-face instruction and extracurricular activities for all students who attend Coffee County Schools. Additionally, we are working together to avoid going virtual or having a school closure."

Coffee County EMA director James Brown echoed Cobb's comments

**While community transmission remains high**

## CCEMA director notes some slight improvements with COVID update

On Friday, Oct. 3, Coffee County EMA director James Brown said both new cases and hospitalizations were showing statistically neutral numbers for COVID-19 and variants compared to his report from two weeks prior for the local area.

"Our test positivity rate remains very high, which shows continued widespread community transmission," Brown added.

He said hospitalizations remained the top concern as of the Sept. 3rd report.

"We seem to have currently plateaued as we have maintained our number of hospitalizations at around the 2,800 mark for two weeks now," Brown said. "Last report we showed 2,764 confirmed cases of

saying the report shows a marked improvement in the number of students that must be quarantined since implementing a temporary mask policy (451 quarantined from Aug 2nd to Aug 19th or about 180 a week to 47 for the week of Aug 24 to 31).

"Everyone's goal is to continue to allow high-quality face-to-face instruction and extracurricular activities for all students," Brown said. "We and the staff and administration of Coffee County Schools appreciate the cooperation of everyone to obtain this goal."

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COVID in the hospitals. Today [Sept. 3], we show 2,838."

Brown said it remains concerning that hospitals in the local area are still at or over capacity for medical beds.

"Our real issue remains Intensive Care Units [ICU's] with those being almost 33 percent over capacity in our region," he said. "We are currently 94 ICU beds short in the state."

Also, he said a concern is the rate of those 18-39 and those under 18 being hospitalized currently. He said this rate is higher now than at any time since the COVID pandemic began.

Brown further noted that

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## EDITORIAL

## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Amateurs sit and wait for inspiration. The rest of us just get up and go to work" – Stephen King

Lately this column has been critical of those who take the horse wormer medicine Ivermectin as a substitute for "the shot" to fight COVID. That has not changed. However sitting at home during the long weekend, we pondered the mindset of those who are unlucky enough to be hospitalized (and very sick) with the rapidly spreading virus. The conclusion was that if we were in their shoes, we would be willing to try anything with any remote chance of helping us survive. If someone suggested – let's say 'standing on our head in the pouring rain and reciting off-color jokes', we would probably start hunting a BIG book of off-color jokes and pray for rain!!! Still . . . we urge getting the shot, but will not smirk at those who are ill with COVID and take the horse wormer meds (or cause a run on the sale of off-color joke books on a rainy day).

An article in the New York Times this week reported that new studies indicate that of all those vaccinated they have only a 1 in 5,000 chance of actually getting COVID-19. They reported the percentage is even less in areas with the higher vaccination rates and for those who continue practicing common safety measures (like wearing masks in public). Oh, Alabama is getting better with taking the shots but is still at the lower end of the percentage for those who are fully vaccinated.

Last week we thought the hurricane that hit the New Orleans area was terrible but were pleased that the numbers did nothing this year like during some past storms. That was before Hurricane Ida moved up into the Northeast as a tropical storm and drowned dozens, some families trapped by rising floodwaters in their basement apartments. Also the New York subway system was flooded when the rising level of rainwater could find no other place to go.

Our book reading continues whenever the time is available. Recently we reread a historical type book – well the story of a political figure through the eyes of someone who was there every day for some 25 years. Now it is another rereading. This time it is a group of short stories about historic figures who gained their spot in history from their travels into the unknown. It is a beautifully illustrated book, with travels dating back to times when the star of the story spent years and years on a single voyage, sometimes with dozens of fellow travelers, many, many of whom didn't make it back home. One thing we remember from our earlier reading of this book is the lack of reporting on the very earliest travelers – the 'first out of Africa'; those who first crossed the Bering Strait into America and others whose accomplishments were not written down and are only known about basically through guess work, graves and old tools. Plus those equally important like Daniel Boone, Lewis and Clark and many others who were trailblazers in the early days of the United States.

Another one recently reread was Marion Brunson's 'Pea River Reflections' Don't tell our friend Bob Inman, but we have pulled out one of his books and placed it with the "to read again" stack! Knowing that might give him the big head and delay delivery of his upcoming publication!

Be safe, wear your mask, social distance and wash your hands AND get the shot(s)!

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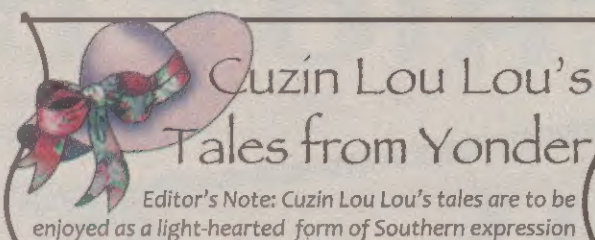
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## Cuzin Lou Lou's Tales from Yonder

Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Lou Lou did it! She finally got the "goods" on Sister to prove her point!! Said goods comes in the form of a photo [see below] taken on Labor Day – it is a photo of Sister snuggling with little Bean on the holiday wrapped in a fall décor blanket!

Lou Lou contends that "if Sister needs to wrap in a blanket on a September day in Yonder...well, that nice 'ole A/C could probably be set up a degree or two higher!!"

And that, friends, supports Lou Lou's claim from last week that Sister should be able to deal with a higher set A/C this month, to help offset the larger electric bill from the past month. Sister will find some reason to disagree with Lou Lou, but the "proof is in the pudding" on this one!

The need for a blanket, even if it is a nice and soft new fall one that is "just so comfy" – a direct quote from Sister, tells Lou Lou

the temperature level in the house is a little too cool, and therefore, could be adjusted up a degree or two. Of course, Sister contends the idea is to make sure the house is nice and cool by bedtime to allow her to "sleep better." But... Lou Lou is not buying it!!

We'll see how this one goes over when Sister realizes the photo taken on Labor Day is now being used against her! She was convinced the photo was taken to show how "cute" she and little Bean looked all snuggled up together. It never crossed her mind that it could be used as evidence to prove Lou Lou correct in the ongoing A/C battle.

On another subject, join Lou Lou this weekend in remembering those lost September 11, 2001 in the terrorist attacks on our country. Let's pray for the families that surely still miss their loved ones every day.

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling.



## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, August 31, 2021, and Monday, September 6, 2021, conducted the following activity:

**Tuesday, Aug. 31** – Animal complaint with impound reported at 1525 Edgewood Dr (6:53 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 990 Hwy 203 (9:13 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 640 Reynolds Ave (10:18 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1584 Caroline St (10:30 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 315 Sawyer St (11:01 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 860 County Rd 249 (12:29 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 1215 Jones Circle (1:33 p.m.); Report of shots fired at 1620 Boswell St (3:26 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1217 Farris Ave (4:00 p.m.); Burglary reported at 1584 Caroline St (10:23 p.m.); No traffic stops recorded on this date.

**Wednesday, Sept. 1** – Suspicious person reported on Ann St – an arrest was made (1:46 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 412 Claxton Ave N – an arrest was made (4:03 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1408 Stoudemire St (5:05 a.m.); Fire service call reported at 712 Troy Hwy (7:57 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 2484 Hwy 84 (8:05 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Old Samson Rd (8:44 a.m.); Stolen vehicle reported at 610 N Troy Hwy (9:38 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1425 Martin Luther King Dr (12:00 p.m.); There were three traffic stops on this date resulting in two citations, and one verbal warning.

**Thursday, Sept. 2** – Suspicious person/inves-

tigative stop reported in area of Factory Ave and Putnam St (12:58 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 105 Court Ave – an arrest was made (1:10 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1015 Guyton St (1:36 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 429 N Claxton Ave – an arrest was made (2:31 a.m.); Fight reported at 221 E Davis St (6:39 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1152 Neil Grantham Dr (7:12 a.m.); Animal complaint with impound reported at 1408 Stoudemire St (10:26 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 610 Mullins Circle (12:21 p.m.). No traffic stops recorded on this date.

**Friday, Sept. 3** – Disturbance reported at 886 Cedar Lane Dr (12:27 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 886 Cedar Lane Dr (12:47 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 7723 Hwy 125 (8:22 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 839 Troy Hwy (12:01 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 315 Sawyer St (12:44 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported to Elba Police (9:21 p.m.); Report of shots fired at 1698 Hickman Ave (11:31 p.m.). There were four traffic stops on this date resulting in one citation, two written warnings, and one verbal warning.

**Saturday, Sept. 4** – Suspicious person reported in area of Caroline St/ Reese Ave (12:03 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1105 Guyton St (2:04 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 651 Reynolds Ave (2:41 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 412 N Claxton Ave (3:00 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 879 Cedar Lane Dr (8:11 p.m.); Fight reported at 885 Cedar Lane Dr (9:22 p.m.); Fight reported at 861 Cedar Lane Dr (9:48 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 1620 Boswell St (9:50 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 860 Cedar Lane Dr (11:13 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Forest Ave (11:31 p.m.); Fight reported on Reynolds Ave (11:44 p.m.). There were three traffic stops on this date resulting in two written warnings, and one arrest.

**Sunday, Sept. 5** – Harassing communications reported on Simmons St (2:22 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 139 Riverview Dr (6:30 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1699 County Rd 249 (7:37 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 139 Riverview Dr (8:17 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on County Rd 217 (9:29 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported to Elba Police (11:00 p.m.). There were two traffic stops on this date resulting in one citation, and one no action taken.

**Monday, Sept. 6** – Suspicious vehicle reported at 2695 Hwy 166 (12:12 a.m.); Burglary reported at 712 Troy Hwy (12:08 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 2345 Hickman Ave (1:13 p.m.); Assault reported at 885 Cedar Lane Dr (7:29 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 1176 Neil Grantham Dr (10:36 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 1795 Claxton Ave (11:10 p.m.); Assault reported at 1209 Farris Ave (11:47 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date resulting in a verbal warning.

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# Obituaries

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## BETTY SUE CALDWELL VAUGHAN

Mrs. Betty Sue Caldwell Vaughan, age 93, died Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021, at Mount Royal Towers in Birmingham, Ala.



Betty was born on Aug. 28, 1928 to Myra English Caldwell and James Clyde Caldwell. She grew up in Samson, Ala. and attended Alabama College for Women (University of Montevallo). In 1949, Betty Caldwell married Oscar Vaughan Jr. and moved to Elba, Ala. where she resided for the next 64 years.

In addition to being actively involved in her children's schooling and numerous activities, Betty was also an active member of the Azalea Garden Club, the Twentieth Century Study Club, and her sewing group. Betty was a member of the Elba United Methodist Church where she was a member of the Zuriha Dunaway Sunday School Class, on the Special Persons committee.

A celebration of Betty's life was held Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021, at Elba United Methodist Church with Min. Steve Reneau officiating. Graveside services immediately followed at Evergreen Cemetery.

The family requests that memorials be sent to the Elba United Methodist Church (503 Davis Street, Elba, AL 36323) or to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America (322 English Avenue, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10001).

In addition to her parents and her husband, Oscar Vaughan Jr., Betty was preceded in death by her daughter, Carol Vaughan Kendrick, and her brother, Charles G. Caldwell.

Survivors include her sister: Jackie Caldwell Wilson, Samson; brother: James R. Caldwell, Bay Minette, Ala.; son: Murry Caldwell Vaughan (Ann); and daughter: Vicki Vaughan McGehee (Charles), all of Birmingham; grandchildren: Kelle Kendrick Masters (Dayne), Austin, Texas; John Frank Kendrick III, Tyler, Texas; Elizabeth McGehee Culppepper (Trey), Selma, Ala.; Emily Vaughan Tripp (Heath), Raleigh, NC; Charlotte Vaughan McGehee, Birmingham; and Murry Caldwell Vaughan Jr., Asheville, NC; and great-grandchildren: Addison, Haynes, and Mills Masters, Ford and Annie Culppepper, and Win, Wells, Sellers, and Collier Tripp.

## CATINA ANN MILLER

Mrs. Catina "Tina" Ann Miller, age 46, of Jack,



Ala., died Friday, Sept. 3, 2021, at Medical Center Enterprise in Enterprise, Ala. due to complications from COVID-19.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021, from Hayes Funeral Home in Elba, Ala. Committal services followed in the Calvary Baptist Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Miller was preceded in death by her stepfather, James Marler.

Survivors include her

husband: Clint Miller, Jack; daughter: Destiny Miller, Brundidge, Ala.; son: Gabriel Miller, Jack; grandson: Carson Pittman, Brundidge; mother: Teritha Nell Marler, Elba; father: Ronnie Mitchell, Enterprise; and sister: Trina (Deago) Bush, Jack.

## CHRISTINE CATRETT

Ms. Christine Catrett, age 79, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, Sept. 5, 2021, at her home in Elba.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, Sept. 8, at 2 p.m., from Evergreen Cemetery in Elba with Rev. Larry Mills officiating and Hayes Funeral Home directing.

No public visitation will be held. The Catrett family asked that all in attendance observe social distancing.

Mrs. Christine was preceded in death by her husband, James C. Catrett, and three sisters, Helen Cook, Pastine Blackmon and Shirley Williamson.

Survivors include sons: Mark (Chrissy) Catrett, Andalusia, Ala.; Marty (Pam) Catrett, Elba; grandchildren: Blake (Gabby) Qualls, Crispy Byrd, Ryan Gibbs, Shawn Catrett, Austin Misoldine, Kyle Padgett, and Emily King; great-grandchildren: Parker Harrelson, Hadley Harrelson, Riley Kate Qualls, Lexxie Childs, Mayson Padgett, Avie King, and Bryson Biggs; along with special care givers: Donna Williamson, Lynn Nettles, and Elisha Horn.

## CLAUDINE BLAKE

Ms. Claudine Blake, of Enterprise, Ala., died Saturday, Aug. 21, 2021, at the University Hospital in Augusta, Ga.

Graveside services were held at Johns Chapel Cemetery, Enterprise, with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Ms. Blake was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Love Jones; four sisters, Frances Green, Gladys Warren, Pinell Parker, Annie Maria Bulger Arenas; one brother, Gamell Bass; and one grandson, Akeem Blake.

Survivors include her son: Timothy (Latasha) Blake I, Evans, Ga.; one sister: Veronica Sistrunk, Enterprise; three grandchildren: Timothy Blake II and La'Miya Blake, both of Evans, and Shaniqua Langston, Atlanta Ga.; one great-grandson: Jamari Blake, Sarasota, Fla.; and a host of nieces and nephews.

## COY D. RICHARDSON

Mr. Coy D. Richardson, age 83, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, Sept. 5, 2021, at Medical Center Enterprise in Enterprise.

Graveside services were held Sept. 8, 2021, at 11 a.m., from Evergreen Cemetery in Elba with Rev. Garry Winstead officiating and Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Lauretta Ann Richardson, Elba; daughters: Pam Berry, Elizabeth

Sanders, both of Elba, and Kim Jones, Bonifay, Fla.; sons: John Mason Richardson, Ralph Sanders, both of Elba; sisters: Bonnie Bedsole, Opp, Ala., and Joyce Weeks, Elba; brother: Marshall Richardson, Daleville, Ala.; 18 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

## DANIEL COULTER

Mr. Daniel Coulter, age 64, of Elba, Ala., died Friday, Sept. 3, 2021, at Medical Center Enterprise.

In accordance with his wishes, no formal services will be held. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, Alabama is serving the Coulter family.

Survivors include his daughter: Alyssa (Matthew) Farris, Elba; grandson: Hudson Farris, Elba; granddaughter: Harper Farris, Elba; step-granddaughter: Adalyn Farris, New Brockton, Ala.; and sister: Cathy Sayre, Columbus, Ohio.

## DENNIS JOHNSON

Mr. Dennis Johnson, of Enterprise, Ala., died Saturday, Aug. 21, 2021.

He was born July 29, 1960.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Aug. 28, 2021, at St. John Baptist Church, New Hope, Ala., with Coleman Funeral Home of Enterprise, directing.

Dennis was preceded in death by Annie Davis, the mother of his children; his father, Jimmy Johnson; three brothers, Willie, Derrion, and Junior Johnson; and his granddaughter, Keyonna Walton. Survivors include his mother: Margaret Johnson; longtime girlfriend: Sylvia; children: April Johnson, Tina Davis, Dennis Jr. (Alanna) Johnson, Anthony (Cicara) Moore, and Derek Davis Sr.; grandchildren: Aniya, Kingston, Jupiter, Aryan, Maia, Cairi, Calia, Caylie, Keyonna, Jalene, and Derek Jr.; siblings: Jenny (Randolph) Samantha, Mark (Sherella) Bobby, and Jessica (Derrick); multiple nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews.

## MARY ROBINSON

Mrs. Mary Louise Johnson-Robinson, of Enterprise, Ala., died Saturday, Aug. 21, 2021, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

She was born Dec. 12, 1952 to the late Namon Currington and Louise F. Williams-Johnson in Enterprise, Ala. On Nov. 16, 1976, she joined John Leslie Robinson in holy matrimony. They were married for 45 years.

She was a member of Pleasant Shade Baptist Church until her health started to decline.

Survivors include her son: Timothy (Latasha) Blake I, Evans, Ga.; one sister: Veronica Sistrunk, Enterprise; three grandchildren: Timothy Blake II and La'Miya Blake, both of Evans, and Shaniqua Langston, Atlanta Ga.; one great-grandson: Jamari Blake, Sarasota, Fla.; and a host of nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by three brothers, James Johnson, Lee Johnson, and Grover Williams.

Survivors include her husband: John L. Robinson; two brothers: Harvey Williams and Johnny (Carolyn) Johnson; sister: Alice F. Tillery; daughter: LaChrista Montreze Johnson; three grandchildren: Ashley Montreze Johnson, Kristina Louise Johnson and Anthony Tradell Johnson; a great granddaughter: Aniyah Gabrielle Johnson; special nieces and nephews: LaKresha (Brandon) N. Siler, and Kerry (Pam) Williams — all of Enterprise; along with a host of other nieces, nephews and a lifelong, best friend, Debbie (Clemmie) Wilson, Enterprise.

## POLLY MAGWOOD

Mrs. Polly Magwood, of Newton, Ala., died recently.

Funeral services were held Friday, Aug. 27, 2021, at Daleville Christian Fellowship with Coleman Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.

Polly was the second eldest child of Shelby and Elizabeth Jones and attended Coffee County School. She was a member of Newton Baptist Church.

She was married to Jacob Magwood for 30 years and earlier to Colson L. Terry. From this union six children were born: Jimmy and Henry Terry (deceased), Colson Terry Jr, Patricia Terry-Shelton, Delores Terry, and Eddie Terry. Three brothers and two sisters preceded her in death. She has one living sister, Sarah Green, and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, grands, great grands, and great-great grands.

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## ORELL CALHOUN

Mr. Orell Calhoun, age 73, a resident of Opp, Ala., died Monday, Sept. 6, 2021, at Elba Nursing and Rehab.

Per his and his family's wishes, no formal services will be held. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba is serving the Calhoun family.

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Just like mourning the loss of a human being, there's no wrong way to grieve the loss of your pet. With that said, it's always important to find someone you can talk with, openly and honestly, about what you're going through. Think about friends who have pets of their own, and who you can count on to understand what you are going through. Though it's certainly not required that you have a memorial service for your pet, doing so can sometimes provide a sense of closure. Even if it's just you and your family members gathering to say a few words in remembrance, it can be useful to you as you cope with grief.

You might also consider ways to honor and remember your pet, whether that means framing a photo or preserving some of your pet's favorite toys in a "memory box."

It's okay if your grief keeps you away from some of your typical activities, at least temporarily - but do make sure you're staying healthy. Continue to eat three nutritious meals a day, get some exercise, and allow yourself some sleep each night.

More than anything else, remember that there's no one method and no correct timeline for mourning. Be gracious with yourself and allow

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The old phrase "shock and awe" is reappearing in the national mindset this week. This Saturday, we commemorate the horrible anniversary of the worst terror attack in our nation's history.

A generation or two have come and gone in those two decades. No one currently in our school system was even alive when it happened - and even among the teachers, some were barely toddlers when the event occurred.

For those of us who were around, the painful details of that morning are permanently etched in our memories like the names of the fallen carved in granite at the World Trade Center memorial.

Tuesday, September 11, 2001 began like any other school day. It was a beautiful fall morning.

I was working at Zion Chapel High School in Jack, Alabama. Every morning, part of my daily duty was assisting with the distribution of the news roundup program called "Channel One." I was also responsible for raising the flag after playing the Channel One broadcast on all the TVs in the school.

That day, I was rewinding the videotape of "Channel One," watching live news coverage on NBC's "Today" show. I saw that one of the World Trade Center towers had been struck by an airplane, and that smoke was rising from the uppermost stories of the building.

I couldn't look away, because while Matt Lauer and Katie Couric were talking, a second plane flew into the other WTC tower. Fear gripped me, as it did all of us, the moment we saw that second plane.

This was no accident. Katie Couric and Matt Lauer were speechless. And our long national nightmare was just beginning.

Shaken and in disbelief, I walked up the main hallway to let my principal, Wayne Vickers, know what had happened. I suggested he come take a look. When Dr. Vickers saw the television, he made a choice that I barely understood at the time but appreciate today.

"Make sure this doesn't go out to all the classrooms," he told me, aware of the school-wide hookup I was commanding at that moment.

"Why not?" I asked, incredulously. How could anyone not be drawn immediately to these horrible images?

"This is a K-12 unit school. I don't want the young students to be disturbed by this. They need to hear about it from their parents."

The events that unfolded that day have marked an entire generation with raised terror threats, stricter airport security, enforced zero-tolerance laws, and of course, wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The departure from Afghanistan the past few weeks was an ignominious end to America's longest war. We went there to track down the terrorists who attempted to destroy us, and in the process captured and/or killed the masterminds of that horrible event. We also attempted to bring democracy to a part of the world that doesn't seem to appreciate it. Judging by the fact that the Afghans did not have the will to fight, the past few weeks have seen one sad image after another as the Taliban claimed province after province, city after city. It's as if we were never there at all.

As some military experts have opined, this was the ending everyone expected, it was just a matter of when. There is plenty of credit and blame to go around, but nobody can dispute the bravery and heroism of our armed forces, who spent two decades serving multiple tours of duty in a radical, anti-American desert land. We may not have converted them into the United States of Afghanistan, but we did what we said we would do: we tracked down the terrorists and kept them from attacking us again over these twenty years.

Twenty years. It seems like only yesterday, but yet it is somehow an eternity. For an earlier generation, Pearl Harbor changed their view of the world. For people like me who grew up in peacetime, September 11 was a shock to the system and a horrifying realization that the United States was vulnerable to the types of attacks unleashed on less stable places around the globe.

That evening, when both houses of Congress joined on the Capitol steps and sang a spontaneous rendition of "God Bless America," it seemed as if the world was coming to an end. And, to a degree, the world we knew before September 11, 2001 had indeed ended.

We will never forget the heroes of that day, of the firefighters in New York City or the passengers on United 93 as they stormed the cockpit and fought off the hijackers.

And I will never forget where I was that morning, watching it all happen, then fighting back the tears as I raised the most beautiful American flag I'd ever seen.

Michael Bird

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# CHURCH and LOCAL NEWS

## Harris Temple COGIC plans Tent Revival Crusade

The Young Adult Ministry, along with Senior Pastor Superintendent William K. Ellison, invites all to the 2021 Tent Revival Crusade at Harris Temple Church of God in Christ [747 Adams Street, Elba].

## Covenant Community Church plans "Meet and Greet" with pastor for Sunday, Sept. 12th

Covenant Community Church extends a warm "Welcome Home" to all past members and friends of CCC.

The church will be officially welcoming the new pastor Sunday, Sept. 12, with a "Meet and Greet" fellowship time and potluck on the grounds. The doors are wide open as is the invi-

This Revival will take place Sept. 13th-18th, beginning at 7 p.m. on the grounds of Harris Temple COGIC. Social distancing will be in place and all are invited to sit under the tent or remain in a car.

## Homecoming set for Sept. 26th at New Haven Assembly of God Church

New Haven Assembly of God Church, located at 8497 County Road 114, will hold Homecoming services Sunday, Sept. 26, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Brother Lavon Singleton will be delivering the message, and Big Mo Ostrander will be singing. Lunch will be served, and all are welcome.



Members of the Elba Rotary Club had a visit from District Governor Bruce McNeal on Tuesday, August 31. The Elba Rotary Club is part of District 6880, which covers the southern half of Alabama. Pictured (with masks off just long enough for a photo) are Elba Rotary President Steve Reneau, McNeal, and Assistant District Governor Sandy Bynum Williams, who is a member of the Elba Club.

## RWCC meeting set for Sept. 15

The Republican Women of Coffee County (RWCC) will meet Wednesday, Sept. 15, at 11 a.m., at the Enterprise Country Club.

The program will be a forum with the Alabama US Senate Republican primary candidates. The Republican primary election will take place on May 24. The winner of the primary will go on to run in the Nov. 8, 2022, general election.

The winner of that race will replace retiring Senator Richard Shelby, who has represented Alabama in the US Senate since 1987. Candidates Lynda

Blanchard, Katie Boyd Britt, Congressman Mo Brooks, and Jessica Taylor will be participating. Each candidate will be given time to discuss their platforms and then will answer questions from members and written questions from the floor.

Social time begins at 11 a.m. and an optional buffet opens at 11:20. The program begins at approximately 11:50. The public is invited to attend, but reservations are required to ensure adequate seating and food. Call Jan at 334-494-3763 or email: rwc-reservations@gmail.com no later than Sept. 13th.

## Round and About

With Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: The Way of the Righteous and the End of the Ungodly. Psalm 1:1-6

### Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Dea. J.L. and Sister Estella Williams, Estella Lawrence, Helen Thigpen, Juanita Rogers, Betty Moore, Rev. Fred Flowers, Lacy Nunn Kelley, Mamie Belcher, Annie Flowers

for God's glory!" His answer was tongue-in-cheek, but it didn't sit well with the questioner. The Pharisee expected Jesus to confirm his prejudice against other and affirm his black-and-white view of the world. The Lord looks a bit deeper into human hearts than we can! What assumptions do you hold that Jesus might call into question?

■ C.R.B.

### September Birthdays / Anniversaries

Melonia Lands 9/9  
Jahari Tykiem Jones 9/10  
Arthur Gilford 9/10  
A'miya Alexis Hutchinson 9/12  
Cedric Williams 9/12  
Grover/Eria Belcher 9/12 W.A. (in memory)  
R.C. Carpenter 9/13 (in memory)  
Tyrek Pruitt 9/13  
Jarrel K. Smedley 9/14  
Victoria Florence 9/14  
Michael Terrell 9/14  
Gussie Adams 9/15 (in memory)  
Ollie R. Peterson 9/16  
Deana Gilford Cole 9/16

### An Unexpected Answer

In began my Christian college teaching career at a small college in the Midwest. In those days, Christians tended to see moral issues in more black-and-white terms than today. For example, in regard to alcohol, the consensus among most Christians was that it absolutely should be avoided.

In this cultural setting, someone hypothetically asked the president of the college, "would the school accept a million-dollar gift from the brewery down the road?" The president answered, "If the brewery wanted to give the school a million dollars, we'd baptize it and use it

### Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 9/9/21

#### Multiple Choice

Q: The author calls the daughter of Jerusalem to do what? (sing) (shout) (rejoice)

A: rejoice [Zephaniah 3:14]

Q: Why was John the Baptist beheaded? (the way he dressed) (the food he ate) (the message he told to Herod)

A: The message he told to Herod [Mark 6: 16-18]

### Saying that Makes Sense

Profanity as strong words used by weak people

### Questions for the Week of 9/23/21

#### Multiple Choice

Q: Other than Jesus, who also walked on water? (John) (Mark) (Peter)

Q: Who wrote this statement? For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Moses) (Samuel) (Paul)

Q: Solomon wanted God to hear the people's prayer and (bless) (heal) (forgive) them.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

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## Church Directory

#### IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN

**ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH**  
Rockey Pearce, Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

**ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.**  
Richard Thorne Sr., Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Night Service... 7:00 p.m.

**ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Harry Driggers, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

**BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sam Self, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

**BETHLE AME CHURCH**  
Deborah A. Butler, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

**BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Greg Cotter, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m.  
Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.

**BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

**BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Robert Davis, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

**CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH**  
Remondia Smith, Pastor  
Church Service... 9:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

**CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH**  
Larry Mills, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.

#### COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Paul Jackson, Pastor  
Sunday Fellowship... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Wed. Night "Peak of the Week & meal" ... 5:30 p.m.  
Bible Study & Prayer... 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

**DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Steve Watson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

**DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Disciple Training... 5:00 p.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

**EANON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Mark Ward, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Phillip Box, Minister  
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD**  
David Noble, Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY**  
H.L. Buckner, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m.  
Thur. Night... 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE**  
Allen Richards, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA 1ST ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Dwight Johnson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Kit Johnson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Steve Reneau, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Lovell Martin, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

#### EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Timothy Williams, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:30 p.m.

**FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Phillip Adcock, Pastor  
Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

**1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON**  
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Scott Donaldson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH**  
Edward E. Drake, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.

**GOVS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH**  
Overseers - Billy Berry  
Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.

**GRACE FELLOWSHIP**  
John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

**GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Jeremie Turner, Sr. Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC**  
W.K. Ellison, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.

**HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m.

**HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Shirley Ellis, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

**HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH**  
Mark Cooper, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.  
Wed. Even. Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

#### HOLY TEMPLE COGIC

Glenwood, AL  
Sunday Prayer... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service... 11:00 a.m.

**INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 6:30 p.m.

**INO BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Garry Winstead, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

**JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Matthew Morris, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:15 p.m.

**KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH**  
Jonathan Jenkins, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

**LIVING WORD CHURCH**  
Derrick Stinson, Pastor  
Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Service... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Youth Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.

**LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Greg Hanchey, Minister  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

**LOVE'S WAY CHURCH**  
Charles Jones, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

**MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
J.R. Parks, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Bib Stud Wed... 6:00 p.m.  
1st & 3rd Sundays

**MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Dewey Emfinger, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

**MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Olan Strickland, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

**MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

#### NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Loward Flowers, Minister  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

**OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Julian Mitchell, Pastor  
1st - 4th Sun. Morn.  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

**OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Lee Jones, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

**PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

**PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON**  
Terry McCrummen, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.

**PRATHE & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER**  
Roy L. Turner, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

**ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH**  
A.R. Williams, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

**ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

**SHADY GROVE AMB.**  
James Boots, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Praise Service Mon... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.

**SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

**TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Night Service... 5:00 p.m.

**THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST**  
Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 12 noon  
Even. Service... 7:00 p.m.  
Youth Ser. Mon... 7:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Class... 7:00 p.m.  
Fri. Missionary Ser. 7:00 p.m.

**NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH**  
Lanny Shepard, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

#### THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba

Max Reed, Minister  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.  
Tuesday Bible Class... 7:00 p.m.

**TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
C.P. Davis, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Night Service... 6:00 p.m.

**VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH**  
Donald Mills, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
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/s/ Ronald Lee Boutwell  
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9-9,16,23-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA  
ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF JAMES EDGAR SMITH, JR. Deceased

CASE NO: PC-2021-068

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/s/ Jodee R. Thompson  
Probate Judge  
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Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama members who are moderately to severely immunocompromised will not have to pay for their third dose of the FDA authorized mRNA COVID-19 vaccination.

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People should consult their physician about whether an additional dose is appropriate for them.

Based on the alarming increase in COVID-19 cases including the Delta variant and CDC guidelines, Blue Cross continues to strongly recommend Alabamians get the COVID-19 vaccine, including the third dose if appropriate.

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United States. With last Friday's report, he said Alabama had passed Mississippi with Alabama's vaccination rate now at 38.6 percent fully vaccinated and 50 percent completing at least one dose of the vaccine.

"Our vaccination rates in Coffee County seem to have also gone up again," Brown said. "Last report we had 34.5 percent with at least one dose and 26.3% completing their vaccinations. Today we have 36.78 percent completing at least one dose and 28.75 percent completing their series."

Looking ahead, Brown said the message remains the same...get a vaccine and use all the non-pharmaceutical interventions such as washing hands, wearing masks, and social distancing.

Brown did report that Alabama is no longer last in vaccination rates for the

about 2,509 new cases per day with his previous report. Now, he said the state is seeing an average of about 2,955 new cases per day.

More locally, Brown said his office is concentrating more on positivity rate to give an idea of community transmission.

"These numbers are better aligned between various sites and agencies," he said. "We feel they are more accurate for our planning purposes. We have seen a slight decline in this rate, which gives us some hope that our cases may further plateau and perhaps start declining in the coming month."

Brown said the current positivity rate for Coffee County was 30.7 percent [as of Sept 3], down from 35.9 percent two weeks ago.

"Ideally, we would like this below 5 percent," he said. "So, we still have a very high community transmission rate."

Brown did report that Alabama is no longer last in vaccination rates for the

death reports associated with COVID had begun to rise again too.

"We reported another seven deaths for Coffee County during this last two-week period," he said. "Also, though local numbers seem to be maintaining at rates from two weeks ago, we still had about a 15 percent increase in cases in the state over the last two week as the case load seems to be shifting north."

For the state, Brown said Alabama was averaging

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## SPORTS NEWS

## Views From

## The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

**Our grandson Lawson went to the Elba football game** last week and while he was more than a little disappointed the Tigers lost, he loved the atmosphere of the game and joined the fans in their very vocal support for the team. Now that he has experienced a game first hand, I expect my little man to go to many more games and be one of the Tigers biggest fans!

**For what it is worth....**

\*\*\* **The Elba Tigers** saw their usually high powered offense sputter a couple of times last week and gave up touchdowns on big plays, a kickoff return and an interception return in a 35-16 loss to G.W. Long, in a key region clash. The offense was determined to run the football in the game and did rush for just under 200 yards, but lost a total of 29 yards on three fumbles and had a total of 19 plays from scrimmage that resulted in runs of one yard or less. The defense held its own for much of the night and came up with two big turnovers, but did surrender a couple of big plays that resulted in points for the Rebels and committed a couple of costly penalties. Elba lost the game and definitely didn't play its best, but looking back I really don't think it was quite as bad as many Tigers thought as they left the stadium. Sometimes when a team is winning the players and fans get a false sense of just how good a team is, and after a loss the fans look for someone or something to blame. Hey, the season is young and I believe the best is yet to come!

\*\*\* **It was not the best of weeks** for the teams in the area as Brantley was the only team to hang a win on their side of the ledger. Here's a quick look back at the football action in the third week of the season....

\*\* **Brantley was in complete command** for all four quarters in a solid 34-0 season opening win over Kinston. The Bulldogs were efficient running and throwing the football, while the defense tossed a shutout in its first test. It is kind of funny many Brantley fans were a little upset about the final score since the Bulldogs wo 34-0, but that just proves the fans up in 'Front Porch City' expect nothing but the best every Friday night and just might be a little spoiled.

\*\* **Kinston dropped its region opener** 34-0 to Brantley, but never quit fighting and showed their fans they are going to be a team that plays hard for four quarters every time it hits the field. The Bulldogs were simply over-matched in the region opener and lost to a better team. The folks down in Kinston need to keep the faith, because I assure you the players and coaches aren't about to throw in the towel.

\*\* **Zion Chapel lost to Abbeville 48-18** on the road, but played hard throughout the game and may have actually gained somewhat of a moral victory despite the final score. The Rebels had no way to match their opponent in speed and athletic ability, but never backed down and proved to everyone in attendance that this year's Rebels can and will be a competitive team no matter the opponent.

\*\* **New Brockton was shutout 27-0** by a quality Opp Bobcat team, and learned in the loss that one play can't win or lose a game, as the Gamecocks never seemed to be the same after a score was wiped off the board by a penalty flag. The Gamecocks were huge underdogs going into the game despite being undefeated, but earned a lot of

respect by fighting with their region opponent for all four quarters. I know the loss hurt, but I feel the Gamecocks may actually be a better team now than after the first two wins.

\*\*\* **It was another wild week** in high school football across the state, and with the start of region wars the games carried a little greater importance. Here's a look back at the week that was...

\*\* **Class 1A** – The top four teams in the standings made it look easy as they won by a combined score of 180-19, while #5 Linden fell to 0-2 with a 43-0 loss to Keith and #7 McKenzie was shocked by Red Level 34-24. In other games of note, Barbour County finally got back on the field and was mauled by Maplesville 70-0, Florala slipped to 0-2 with a 30-20 loss to Samson, Pleasant Home slipped past winless Georgiana 26-20, and Red Level picked up a huge region win with the 34-24 upset over McKenzie.

\*\* **Class 2A** – The top four teams all win with #1 Mars Hill blanking Sheffield 37-0, while three ranked teams lost including #5 Elba, #8 Westbrook Christian and #9 North Sand Mountain. In a couple of local games Arton kept on rolling with a 49-0 win over Houston County, Geneva County struggled a bit in a 28-12 win over Cottonwood, Highland Home made it look easy with a 49-0 win over Calhoun, Luverne got back on the field and spanked Central Coosa 63-0, and Abbeville bounced back from an opening loss with a 48-18 win over Zion Chapel.

\*\* **Class 3A** – Top-ranked Fyffe rolled to a 5-0 win over Collinsville, with the lonely loss in the standings being #10 Saks falling to #2 Piedmont 28-12. In games with local interest, Pike County dropped its opener to Beulah 14-12, T.R. Miller won its 700<sup>th</sup> game with a 36-6 win over Cottage Hill, Daleville continued to get roughed up in a 50-6 loss to Houston Academy, Goshen continued its struggles with a 56-0 loss to Trinity, and Wicksburg posted an impressive 20-0 win over Providence Christian.

\*\* **Class 4A** – Top-ranked Gordo and #2 Handley combined to post wins by a score of 85-10, while #7 Williamson, #8 Jackson and #9 Jacksonville all tasted defeat. In action closer to home, Dale County posted a big 36-14 win over Ashford, Geneva outscored B.T. Washington 41-36, and Straughn improved to 3-0 with a 47-20 win over Bullock County.

\*\* **Class 5A** – Top-ranked Pike Road rolled over Carroll 42-7 as all ranked teams won, including a 52-0 win by UMS-Wright over LeFlore. In area action, Charles Henderson remained winless with a 25-10 loss to Greenville and Andalusia celebrated being at home by clobbering Rehobeth 45-6.

\*\* **Class 6A** – Top-ranked Spanish Fort outscored Gulf Shores 42-21 and #2 Clay-Chalkville punished Jasper 68-21, while #10 Eufaula slipped to 1-2 with a 17-10 loss to Robert E. Lee.

\*\* **Class 7A** – Top-ranked Thompson blasted Tuscaloosa County 58-0 and #2 Hoover coasted past Vestavia Hills 34-6, while #7 Daphne was upset by Fairhope 38-31. Closer to home, Enterprise kept rolling along with a big 48-14 region win over Dothan.

\*\*\* **Changing sports for just a second....** New York Mets shortstop Francisco Lindor gave a thumbs down gesture to the Mets fans after a game last week after the fans booed him and a couple of other players as they endured the teams fall from playoff contention. The Mets were atop the National East standings by four games heading into August, but left the month over seven games back, and the fall from grace didn't sit well with the fans that pay their hard-earned money to watch the team play. The next day the fans showered Lindor with even more boos when he tried to apologize on the field and gave him the thumbs down gesture from the stands. Before the season began Lindor signed a 10-year, \$341 million contract with New York, and since is batting .221

with only 75 hits in 132 games, I agree the millionaire ballplayer deserves to hear the boos.

\*\*\* **Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator** hit on 15 of his 20 picks last week, but sent me an e-mail that he is on vacation this week and included this week's fearless forecast in the brief letter. The local guesspert is off to another solid start, and here are this week's picks....

**ELBA VS. ZION CHAPEL**

The Pea River felines lost a little fur last week in an unsuccessful attempt to outrun a small army that had set up camp just below the water tank, but refused to surrender and this week will head up across the county and try to sneak into Fort Jack looking to bring home a much needed region win. These troops may not have as much ammunition as those a week ago, but it will still be a battle for four quarters.

**ELBA 27 ZION CHAPEL 16****KINSTON VS. RED LEVEL**

The bulldogs from down near the county line got caged last weekend on a trip across the river and will be glad to be back at the pound as they try to find a much needed region win. The dogs will have their hands full with a litter of kitties that made headlines a week ago with a big upset win over a ranked opponent, but the guess here is the bulldogs will survive.

**KINSTON 28 RED LEVEL 27****NEW BROCKTON VS. DALEVILLE**

It was quiet along the bypass over the weekend after the roosters lost more than just a few feathers in a loss to a litter of short-tailed kitties, which means they may have to hitch-hike over to Camp Rucker for this week's region clash with a flock of birds that roost just out of the way of the choppers. Expect some crowing this weekend.

**NEW BROCKTON 34 DALEVILLE 14****BRANTLEY VS. MCKENZIE**

The bulldogs from across the river opened hunting season with a bang last week at the pound and this week have their eyes set on a litter of kitties that have been trying to make a little noise early in the season. The kitties may scratch and claw a little, but the dogs will prove way too strong and should post an easy win.

**BRANTLEY 35 MCKENZIE 7****OTHER PICKS:**

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Samson 21 Pleasant Home 14  
Keith 56 R.C. Hatch 0  
Notasulga 48 Barbour County 0  
St. Luke's 17 Blacksher 14  
Arton 31 Geneva County 28  
Abbeville 40 Cottonwood 20  
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**In key region battle****Elba looks to bounce back against Rebels**

The (2-1) Elba Tigers will be looking to return to their winning ways and claim an important region win on Friday night when they travel to Jack to tangle with the (0-2) Zion Chapel Rebels.

Elba leads the all-time series 11-0, and last season posted a hard fought 38-7 win over their cross-county rivals.

"This is our biggest game of the season because it is our next game and we need to get a region win to keep pace in the region standings," stated Elba coach Marc Sieving. "I know when the fans look at the history of the series it shows we have never lost to Zion Chapel, but this is a very well coached team with some quality high school athletes that play hard on every play and

there is no doubt we will have to play at a high level to win the game."

Elba will carry a 2-1 record into the game with wins over Daleville 41-14 and Opp 33-28, and a region loss to G.W. Long 35-16, while Zion Chapel will bring an 0-2 slate into the contest after losing to Kinston 20-12 and Abbeville 48-18.

"Zion Chapel doesn't do anything fancy on either side of the ball," added Sieving, "but what they do they do well, and last week they showed improvement in all areas against a very good team from Abbeville. On offense they like to play physical at the line of scrimmage, and will mix up the run and pass in an attempt to move the chains. We expect them to do more of the same on Friday night

and play ball control on offense to control the clock, keep the chains moving and put points on the scoreboard when they get the chance. Over on defense they are a solid group and again want to be physical at the line of scrimmage. We never really know just what our opponents will do to stop our running game, but expect them to load the box to stop our base plays and try to make us snap the ball multiple times on every possession to prevent the big play."

"I guarantee you the players, coaches and fans at Zion Chapel are looking forward to playing us on Friday night and I have no doubt we will get their best effort on every play," said Sieving. "Our loss at home last week let them know we can be beat, and Zion Chapel will take the field expecting to win the game. If we are going to bring home a win, we have to be able to run our base offense successfully, mix in the pass to keep their defense honest, and maintain possessions. We had too many negative plays last week that stopped drives, and we have to finish off the drives and put points on the scoreboard. Over on defense, we have to be physical at the line of scrimmage, tackle well and make our reads. We didn't play as badly a week ago on defense as the final score may make one think, but we did give up a big pass play and at times got whipped between the tackles. That cannot happen if we are going to win football

games."

When asked about last week's 35-16 region loss to G.W. Long, Coach Sieving said, "We just got whipped. We were disappointed in the way we played in certain areas and made too many mistakes to win against a quality opponent."



**PLAYERS OF WEEK RECOGNIZED AT ELBA QB CLUB MEETING...**During the Elba Quarterback Club's "Game Day" lunch meeting [Friday], Sept. 3, Tigers head coach Marc Sieving recognized four players as the team's Players of the Week from the Aug. 27th win over Opp. Sieving said the defensive player of the week was Trenton Hamilton. Hamilton had a really big game on defense with five assists, four tackles, and a big third-down stop. He also was credited with causing two Opp fumbles, and he had one interception in the game for Elba. Offensive lineman Kyle Smith was recognized by Sieving as the offensive player of the week. He said Smith plays outside tackle on offense, and he is at a spot on the line that can have a big impact on the Tigers success or failure. He credited Smith for not allowing any sacks on the quarterback from his position, along with have four devastation blocks in the game. Special teams player of the week was Chrystyle Caldwell. Sieving said many think of defense when they hear Caldwell's name, but he had a big night on special teams against Opp. Caldwell had a kickoff return for a touchdown, and he blocked an Opp field goal attempt late in the game to help Elba secure the big win. The fourth player recognized by Coach Sieving as a Player of the Week was one that did not play in the game against Opp. Kaden Grogg returned home Friday, Aug. 27, from spending the summer in basic training for the National Guard. Sieving said Grogg made the decision in the Spring, and the team got him back prior to the game after he spent the entire summer completing basic training.

Grogg was Elba's lone game captain Friday, Sept. 3rd, and he will bust through Elba's sign each week holding the American flag, according to Sieving. The Players of the Week are pictured above (from left) Kaden Grogg, Kyle Smith, Trent Hamilton, and Chrystyle Caldwell. Also pictured are cheerleaders Destinee Tidwell and Kendra Juarez, also recognized during last week's QB Club meeting.

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SPORTS NEWS



Elba Tiger Kaden Grogg (88) served as a game captain Friday night in his first game back after basic training with the National Guard.



Elba Tiger Chrystyle Caldwell (44) runs over a G.W. Long defender as he eyes room to run in last week's region clash.



Elba Marching Tigers performed during pregame and halftime festivities Friday night and wowed the crowd with their performance.

In region opener

Elba Tigers rocked by Rebels 35-16

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor  
Photos by BC Sports Photography

The Elba Tigers saw their two-game winning streak come to an abrupt end Friday night with a disappointing 35-16 region loss to the G.W. Long Rebels, at Tiger Stadium.

Elba dodged two Rebel bullets early in the game as Byron Burks intercepted a pass at the Elba 10-yardline to turn back a Long scoring threat, and only moments later an apparent 67-yard punt return for a touchdown by the Rebels was nullified by a penalty flag.

Burks came up with another defensive gem early in the second quarter when he recovered a fumbled handoff at the G.W. Long 5-yardline, and from there it took the Tigers two plays to cash in the turnover, with the score coming on a 1-yard run by JT Coleman. Alex Wisecup kicked the extra-point, and with 9:21 remaining in the second quarter the Tigers were on top 7-0.

Elba was penalized

twice on the ensuing kickoff when the ball sailed out of bounds, but the third kick went downfield and the Rebels were again ready to run as Trevor Morris fielded the kickoff, weaved his way through traffic and hit the sidelines on a 67-yard return for a touchdown. Tanner Patton added the extra-point to pull Long even at 7-7 with 9:07 left in the quarter.

G.W. Long began its next possession at its own 20-yardline and stunned the Tigers as the Rebels needed only three plays to get back into the endzone. A 74-yard pass from Kobie Stringer to Bryson Hughes was a key play in the quick scoring drive, while the touchdown came on a 9-yard run by Stringer. Patton again added the extra-point as the Rebels went in front 14-7 with 3:19 remaining in the half.

G.W. Long began its first possession of the second half at its own 17-yardline after an Elba punt and marched 83 yards in seven plays to add to its lead. Kobie Stringer rushed for 23 yards on two carries to help lead the Rebels downfield, while

Trevor Morris rushed for 49 yards on five carries and capped the drive with an 8-yard td dash. Patton's extra-point was successful, and with 4:48 left in the quarter the Rebels were on top 21-7.

Elba turned the ball over on downs at the Long 14-yardline on its ensuing offensive series, but got a break and pulled within 21-9 three plays later with when a high snap on a punt attempt sailed over the head of the punter and rolled out of the endzone for a safety.

The safety seemed to pump life onto the Tigers, and only two plays later they were right back in the game when Chrystyle Caldwell got the ball and rambled 58 yards for a touchdown. Wisecup added the extra-point as Elba pulled within 21-16 with 10:11 left in the fourth quarter.

Elba regained possession on a Long punt and quickly moved to a first down at the Rebels 49-yardline, sparked by a 25-yard scamper by JT Coleman. A fumble on second down slowed the drive; however, and on fourth down an errant snap handed the ball back over to the Rebels at the Elba 28-yardline.

Trevor Morris scored two plays later on a 24-yard blast up the middle, and after Patton's extra-point try was true, the Rebels lead was up to 28-16 with 2:34 left on the clock.

G.W. Long scored the final points of the night with 1:05 on the clock when Bryson Hughes picked off an Elba pass and returned it 33 yards for a score, and Patton made it five for five on extra-point tries to give the Rebels the 35-16 region win.

Chrystyle Caldwell rushed for 95 yards on seven carries and scored one touchdown to lead the Tigers, while Byron Burks added 64 yards on 10 carries and JT Coleman added 52 yards and one td on 12 carries and caught three passes for 15 yards.

The Tiger defense was paced by Peyton McCart with 7 tackles, while Chrystyle Caldwell added 6 stops and Byron Burks had a pass interception and a fumble recovery.

Trevor Morris rushed for 103 yards and two td's on 17 carries and returned a kickoff 67 yards for a score to spark the Rebels, while Kobie Stringer rushed for 77 yards and one td on 11 carries and completed 5 of 9 passes for 88 yards.



Elba Tiger JT Coleman (8) looks for room to roam as he gets outside the rebel defense in last week's 35-16 loss to G.W. Long.

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Elba Tiger Alex Wisecup (25) booms a kickoff in last week's region contest against G.W. Long. The sophomore place-kicker converted two extra-points in the 35-16 loss to the Rebels.

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## SPORTS NEWS

## In region opener

## Brantley Bulldogs blank Kinston 34-0

Statistics by Dicky Adcock  
Photos by Cody Nichols

The Brantley Bulldogs finally got the season started Friday night with a solid 34-0 region win over the Kinston Bulldogs, at David Lowery Stadium, in Brantley.

Brantley received the opening kickoff and wasted little time getting on the scoreboard as the Bulldogs went 62 yards in four plays to reach the endzone. Tucker Kilcrease completed three straight passes for 52 yards to quickly move the Bulldogs down the field, while the score came on a 10-yard dash by Robert Shine. Jayden Parks added the extra-point, and with 10:07

left in the first quarter Brantley was already on top 7-0.

Brantley regained possession at its own 24-yardline after a Kinston punt and this time covered the distance to the endzone in five plays. Kilcrease completed three passes for 57 yards during the 76-yard scoring drive, while Khaliq Smith capped the drive with a 1-yard td run. Parks again added the extra-point to push the Bulldogs lead to 14-0 with 5:39 remaining in the quarter.

The Kinston defense rose up and turned back a Brantley scoring threat late in the quarter after the hometown Bulldogs had reached a first down at the Kinston 14-yardline.

However, Brantley regained possession at the Kinston 23-yardline after a 21-yard punt return by Daquan Pittman, and this time the men in green cashed in the scoring opportunity as Robert Shine scored his second touchdown of the night on a 12-yard gallop. Parks kicked the extra-point and with 8:08 left in the second quarter Brantley's lead had grown to 21-0.

Brantley's next offensive series began at its own 35-yardline, and this time it took only one play to reach paydirt as on the first play from scrimmage Tucker Kilcrease connected with Morrell Edwards on a 65-yard touchdown toss. The extra-point try failed, but with 5:39 left in the half Brantley was in command with a 27-0 lead.

Kinston moved the chains for its initial first down of the game on its ensuing possession behind the running of Konner Walker and Jeb Crosby, but the drive was short lived as Kinston punted three plays later and at the half were still down 27-0.

Brantley failed to overcome twenty yards in penalties on its initial possession of the second half, while Kinston's offense showed signs of life on its second series of the half as it marched 32 yards in seven plays to reach a first down at the Brantley 32-yardline. Jeb Crosby rushed for 20 yards on three carries and Konner

Walker completed a pass for a 7-yard gain to Blake Senn to spark the drive, which ended without points at the Brantley 38-yardline.

Kinston's Reece Hall picked off a Brantley pass on the game's next offensive series near midfield to turn back a Brantley threat, but the hometown 'Dogs were determined to get back into the endzone and did on its next possession as they went 83 yards in five plays to add to their lead. The score came on a 62-yard touchdown pass from Tucker Kilcrease to Daquan Pittman, and Parks added the extra-point to put Brantley ahead 34-0 with 5:41 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Tucker Kilcrease rushed for 43 yards on two carries and completed 14 of 27 passes for 326 yards and two touchdowns to spark the Brantley offense, while Robert Shine rushed for 62 yards and two td's on 11 carries, Kedrick Brown rushed on 35 yards on five carries and Daquan Pittman rushed for 34 yards on four carries. Morrell Edwards had five receptions for 132 yards and one td, while Daquan Pittman pulled in three passes for 92 yards and one td and Khaliq Smith had three receptions for 43 yards.

Jeb Crosby rushed for 72 yards on 18 carries and completed 1 of 3 passes for minus one yard to lead the Kinston offense, which managed only 42 yards in total offense.



Brantley Bulldog Tucker Kilcrease (12) prepares to pass as Kinston Bulldog John Free (55) closes in on a pass rush.



Zion Chapel Rebel Brayden Watson (1) tries to get around an Abbeville defender in last week's loss.

Photo by Heather Adcock

## Rebels stung by 'Jackets 48-18

From staff reports

The Zion Chapel Rebels battled on even terms with the sixth ranked Abbeville Yellow Jackets for two quarters Friday night in a key region road game, but watched as the 'Jackets pulled away in the second half and dropped to 0-2 on the young season with a 48-18 loss.

Abbeville led just 12-6 after one quarter and held a slim 18-12 lead at the half, but broke loose in the second half to run away with the win.

Mason Stuart scored a pair of touchdowns for the Rebels on runs of 11 and

1 yards, while a 49-yard scamper by Morgan Sanders set up the Rebels final score, which came on a 4-yard run by Zay Adair.

Jaylon Dozier rushed for 185 yards and three touchdowns on 10 carries and also returned an interception 25 yards for a score to spark Abbeville, while Kam Wallace added 121 yards and one td on 10 carries. Damarion Smith had a 24-yard td run and Trent Lingo added an 8-yard td dash.

Zion Chapel rushed for 161 yards and passed for 35 yards to roll up 196 yards in total offense.



Joe Simmons was honored at last week's New Brockton High football game by Mayor Kathy Holley with a plaque in honor of his years of service to the youth of the community. Mayor Holley announced that the city's recreation park would be renamed the Joe Simmons Recreation Complex.



Brantley Bulldog Daquan Pittman (5) looks for running room as Kinston Bulldog Coston Faulk (34) pursues looking for the tackle.

## For first loss of season

## New Brockton blanked by Bobcats 27-0

Statistics by Brandon Speedy White  
Photos by Greg Brunson

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw their early season surge come to an end Friday night with a 27-0 region loss to the Opp Bobcats, at Gamecock Stadium.

Opp took advantage of a short punt to grab a 3-0 lead with 7:55 remaining in the first quarter on a 27-yard field goal by Jackson Pierce, but New Brockton bounced right back and appeared to take the lead on its next possession when Kaden Cupp turned the corner on the Bobcat defense and raced 57 yards for a touchdown. A penalty flag wiped off the Gamecock score; however, and two plays later disaster struck for the Gamecocks when a bad snap on a punt attempt handed the ball back to the Bobcats at the New Brockton 4-yardline. Terry Davis scored on the next play to cash in the short field, and after Pierce added the extra-point Opp was on top 10-0 with 4:31 still left in the opening quarter.

Opp put together an 80-yard scoring drive on its next possession as Gray Jennings rushed for 24 yards on three carries and completed a 14-yard pass. Davis scored his second touchdown of the half on a 9-yard dash, and Pierce again added the extra-point as the Bobcats lead grew to 17-0 with 7:00 remaining in the second quarter.

The Bobcats regained

possession at their own 38-yardline after a Gamecock punt and this time set sails on a 62-yard scoring march. A 17-yard pass from Jennings to Wil Spurlin was a key play in the scoring drive, while Terry Davis scored his third td of the half on a 2-yard run. The extra-point by Pierce split the uprights, and with 1:42 remaining in the half Opp was in command with a 24-0 advantage.

Opp upped its lead to 27-0 on its initial possession of the second half on a 45-yard field goal by Jackson Pierce, and while the new Brockton defense refused to allow the Bobcats to add to their lead for the remainder of the night, the Gamecock offense failed to hang any points on the scoreboard as Opp left with the 27-0 region win.

Kaden Cupp rushed for 36 yards on 15 carries and completed 1 of 2 passes for 12 yards to lead the New Brockton offense, while Jamaricus Brown rushed for 58 yards on 18 carries as the Gamecocks were held to 121 yards in total offense.

Kaden Cupp had 6 tackles to pace the Gamecock defense, while Tre Boland and Drew Cashin both had 5 stops, and Joshua Bethea and Cameron Curry added 4 stops, apiece.

Terry Davis rushed for 129 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Bobcats, while Gray Jennings completed 7 of 15 passes for 63 yards.



New Brockton Gamecock Drew Cashin (15) closes in to make a stop on a Bobcat runner.



New Brockton Gamecock cheerleader was all smiles during pregame ceremonies before last week's region clash against Opp.

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